New Defense Security Service Director named

ALEXANDRIA, VA. Nov. 22, 2010 – Effective Dec. 5, 2010, Mr. Stanley L. (Stan) Sims will become the Director of the Defense Security Service (DSS). He will replace Acting Director Barry Sterling, who will remain with DSS in his previous capacity as the Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Sims, a member of the Defense Intelligence Senior Executive Service, leaves a two-year post as Director of Security in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence (OUSD(I)). In that capacity, he serves as the senior DoD security official responsible for the development, promulgation, implementation and oversight of national and DoD-level security policies, with a strategic focus on operationalizing security policy in support of the Department's mission. He is also the DoD senior performance goal leader for the personnel security reform effort to support requirements of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.

A retired Army colonel and decorated combat veteran with more than 31 years of distinguished military and Federal service, Mr. Sims has served in a variety of intelligence, operations, command, and staff positions at multiple levels. Previous positions in OUSD(I) include his service as Deputy Director of Warfighter Requirements & Evaluation. During his tenure, Mr. Sims implemented the Joint Intelligence Operations Center concept at all of the geographical and functional combatant commands, transforming the way the Department organizes to conduct intelligence operations throughout the warfighting commands. Before that assignment, he led OUSD(I)'s National Programs Office as the senior DoD official and focal point officer on all matters pertaining to DoD involvement in specialized activities within the National Security Council.

A native of Arkansas, Mr. Sims holds master's degrees in administration from Central Michigan State University and in national security strategy from the National Defense University.

DSS supports national security and the warfighter, secures the nation's technological base, and oversees the protection of U.S. and foreign classified information in the hands of industry. DSS accomplishes this mission by: Clearing industrial facilities, personnel and associated information systems; collecting, analyzing and providing threat information to industry and government partners; managing foreign ownership control and influence in cleared industry; providing advice and oversight to industry; delivering security education and training; and, providing information technology services that support the industrial security mission of DoD and its partner agencies.